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## Residents Invited to Share Opinions at Transportation Referendum Forum

Jonesboro – Residents of Clayton County are invited to provide their input on a draft list of transportation investments for the county and metro region, to be funded by a regional, penny sales tax referendum next summer. The <u>Atlanta Regional Transportation Roundtable</u> will host a forum at the Board of Commissioners Office located at 112 Smith Street, Jonesboro, GA from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 29.

This forum is one of 12 that will be held around the region as the Roundtable solicits feedback from the public on the more than \$6 billion in transportation investments and are required by law to finalize the list by October 15.

"Roundtable members have already heard from more than 200,000 citizens and have worked very hard to develop a list of transportation investments that will give people across metro Atlanta more travel options and reduce congestion," said Norcross Mayor Bucky Johnson, chairman of the Roundtable. "Now we need to hear from residents one more time so we can be sure the investments on the list are the ones that best meet the needs of the region."

"I feel that our citizens should be fully informed regarding the transportation issues that are being proposed for Clayton County", said Clayton County Chairman Eldrin Bell, a Roundtable member. "Also, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) values the input of the residents that will be affected by the proposed plan. The projects being presented should help relieve congestion and keep existing businesses from leaving the area while luring in new businesses. Therefore, this forum will serve as an information gathering session for everyone. "

Attendees can view a presentation, speak with transportation experts and can complete a survey. The presentation and survey will also be available online by visiting <a href="www.atlantaregionalroundtable.com">www.atlantaregionalroundtable.com</a> and can be seen on Comcast Channel 23. For more information about the Roundtable and the Transportation Investment Act visit <a href="www.atlantaregionalroundtable.com">www.atlantaregionalroundtable.com</a>.